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GARY W. SHINNERS IS APPOINTED ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL FOR NLRB'S CONTEMPT LITIGATION BRANCH

Fred Feinstein, General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, today announced the appointment of Gary W. Shinnners as Assistant General Counsel for Contempt Litigation.

A career NLRB attorney, Mr. Shinnners had been serving as Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Contempt Litigation Branch in the agency's Division of Enforcement Litigation since May 1989. He succeeds William F. Wachter, who retired in August 1995.

The principal mission of the Contempt Litigation Branch is to compel compliance, through the institution of civil and criminal contempt proceedings in the appropriate circuit court of appeals, whenever a respondent refuses to comply with a court enforced Board order. The Contempt Litigation Branch is also responsible for providing guidance and assistance to the agency's regional offices in collecting backpay and other liquidated amounts owing under enforced supplemental Board Orders, both through contempt proceedings and traditional collection proceedings, and for obtaining pendente lite relief in the form of protective orders.

Mr. Shinnners joined the NLRB in April 1983 and until 1987 served at various times as Senior Counsel to former Chairmen James Stephens and Donald Dotson, and former Member Howard Jenkins. In January 1987, Mr. Shinnners transferred to the agency's Office of the General Counsel where he worked as a staff attorney in the Contempt Litigation Branch, a position he

held until his promotion to Deputy Assistant General Counsel. Mr. Shinnars recently completed a six month intra-governmental assignment with the Criminal Division of the United States Attorneys Office. Prior to joining the NLRB, Mr. Shinnars served as an attorney from 1981-1983 with the Air Line Pilots Association, International in Los Angeles, California.

In announcing the appointment, General Counsel Feinstein stated:

"With more than 12 years of experience with the NLRB, Gary Shinnars brings to his new position a track record of proven legal expertise and managerial ability to oversee the important work of the Contempt Litigation Branch. I am pleased to recognize his record of achievement by naming him to this demanding position."

Born in Winslow, Arizona, Mr. Shinnars received his B.A. in Public Administration from California State University at Chico, where he graduated summa cum laude in 1976. He graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1979 and received his LL.M. in Labor Law in 1981 from New York University School of Law. Mr. Shinnars is married to Susan Leverone, a Senior Counsel on NLRB Chairman William Gould's staff. They have three children.

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